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EDITORIAL

February already and hopefully it will not live up to its name of “February fill dyke”. what is sure is the days are getting longer and we can look to warmer days and the pleasure of spending more time outdoors be it sporting, relaxing or sorting out the garden. Maybe we will also start to see an end to the disruption that the work on the A14 is causing, is the gain going to be worth the pain?

Are you part of a club, a society, or organisation that could be of interest to others? Let us help you spread the word; a short article about what you do, where you meet, and when ,would be a good way to find new members, yes I know lots of you use the village Facebook page for publicising things but you can use more words in The Meridian!

Our next issue will cover April and May so we need to know about Easter events, spring activities and do not forget we can put in birthday/anniversary greetings. There is a form in the back of the magazine for this and also if you have an event to tell us about.

Deadline for the next issue is **20th February** please

Editor

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

09 February 2019	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	ENERGISE DANCE SHOWCASE come and see young dancers from across East Anglia! 2pm & 7.30pm. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
10 March 2019	Swavesey Festival	The Odyssey with the Pantaloons. 4pm in the Memorial Hall. Box Office www.thepantaloons.co.uk
23 March 2019	Thistle Green Sheltered Housing	Easter Bazaar 11.30am – 3.30pm at Thistle Green Community Room in aid of Lymphoma Charity. Various Stalls for all ages. Table to hire £10 - contact Sally Unwin 01954 230200
30 March 2019	Community Choir	Spring Sing 6pm in St Andrews Church - Free Entry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
Saturday 9	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	ENERGISE DANCE SHOWCASE come and see young dancers from across East Anglia! 2pm & 7.30pm. tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc
Wednesday 13	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Christine Newell will give us a presentation on her recent visit to NEW CALEDONIA
Thursday 14	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 14	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 21	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 25	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 28	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin Only Collection
March		
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 10	Swavesey Festival	The Odyssey with the Pantaloons. 4pm in the Memorial Hall. Box Office www.thepantaloons.co.uk
Wednesday 13	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Brian Eversham CEO of the Wildlife Trust For Cambrigeshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire will give us a presentation on BENEFICIAL INSECTS AND INVERTEBRATES (their role and importance in the garden)
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April		
Wednesday 10	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting (This meeting is a meeting of the electorate and NOT a Parish Council meeting) 7.30pm in the Memorial
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall

CLUB REPORTS

IF WINTER CAME (AND WENT) CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

Let us hope we don't have a repeat of last year's awful weather, and that by now our gardens are bursting into life. At least we in Swavesey Camera Club have plenty to keep us busy; coming up are a total of 7 competitions, 5 talks and 1 outing, some of which we are sure will be of interest to non-members, and you are all welcome any Club night.

On Feb 14th. we have an informal evening, our 'Members' Night' when some amongst us have volunteered to give short talks, aiming to pass on helpful advice to those hoping to widen their repertoire. Many of us are experimenting with Creative Photography; for them Richard Cobby returns on February 28th with 'Imagination to Image Creation'. In contrast, for those of us who specialise in Wildlife, when altering the image is not appropriate, we will be able to pick up helpful advice from a professional; George McCarthy will show us his fine photographs from around the world in 'The Art of Bird Photography', on Mar. 7th. Now for something completely different as the saying goes; on March 21st we have an evening which should appeal to a very wide audience, an Audio-visual show from Stafford Steed entitled 'North America's Southern States' : everything from the Civil War, Civil Rights and the music of Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. If that isn't enough choice for you, on March 28th we have Terry Ward, the 'Reluctant Sports Photographer': an interactive evening explaining his unconventional approach, including motor sports. Do come along if any of these appeal to you; there is a small entrance fee for non-members of £4.

Our two internal competitions are the very popular 'Print Panel' on February 7th, and the more casual 'Set Subject' on March 14th. when the topic is 'Bridges'; no-one this time will be able to claim lack of opportunity, as Cambridge alone is full of them, and who can have missed what is going on with the A14. We hope to do well in 5 external competitions including those of the EAF; one of these will be of interest to you all, the 'St Ives PS Inter Print Competition and Exhibition' to be held in the Free Church on February 23rd. This is well worth a visit, and open to the general public; come along and support your Home Team.

Our Spring Outing will be on Febuary 17th, what promises to be a most interesting trip to Lackford Lakes in Suffolk. Let us hope by then we are enjoying warmer days, though, of course, some of the best photographs are taken in the worst weather conditions: threatening skies, fogs, frost and snow. If that is the state of play certain more wimp-ish members (myself included) would probably prefer to enjoy it all second-hand from a comfy chair on one of our Club nights.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
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SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for Diary

Feb 11th	Anglian Water. Talk.
March 8th	International Women's Day.
March 11th	AGM followed by a mystery talk!

Happy New Year to all our readers from Swavesey W.I!

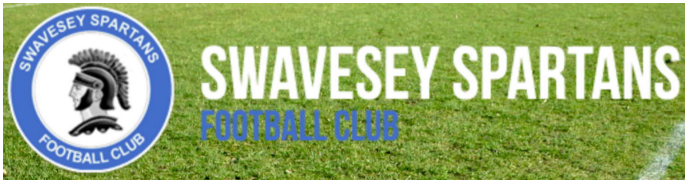
In December, our member Rosie Hurcombe gave our members a Cake Demonstration. This was very successful and all those present enjoyed sampling the results.

Our W.I. Was very sad to hear of the death of a past member, Audrey Hedger who died in November 2018 aged 86 years.

Why don't you make a New Year Resolution and come along to one of our meetings in 2019? You will be made very welcome. We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visit the Memorial Hall noticeboard to keep up to date with all our activities.

Every second Thursday we can be found at Compass Cafe serving fresh coffee and an amazing selection of homemade cakes.

For further information, please ring Deirdre on 01954 230897.



Mid-way through the season and all the teams are doing well.

We are looking to set up Futsal training on a Sunday morning for the younger age so once we have this confirmed, we will send out the details.

As ever, we are looking for additional support in general for the club. We would be interested in anyone who has any good ideas around fundraising so if you would like to be involved, please feel free to contact Dave Morrison at swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com

Swavesey Fenland Squash Club

- Want to join the Squash club ?
- Want to try squash to see if you like it ?
- Haven't played for while but want to get back into it ?
- Want to play racketball ?
- Three courts available, find us at Swavesey Village College

For joining details contact:

Brian Chapman 07982 658614
Jamie Tuffee 07807 968768
Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340

OR information about the club including contact details can be found at:
www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	November 2018	December 2018
First prize		Ruth Shrimpton	R. Fuller
Second prize		Darren Unwin	S. Unwin
Third prize		Glyn Jones	N Tait

Swavesey & District History Society

November meeting. Philip Saunders from Cottenham was formerly the Principal Archivist of Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies where a wealth of unique historic records and other resources relating to Cambridgeshire, the former counties of Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely are held. His talk entitled "From record type to digital byte: 200 years of publishing Cambridgeshire historical records" required concentration because of the vast amount of information that our attention was drawn to, yet it was really fascinating.

William Cole (1714-1782) was a clergyman and early local antiquary. Having private means, he collected historical information on Cambridgeshire by visiting nearly all the churches in the county. He took notes of monumental inscriptions and made extensive transcriptions of the registers of the Bishops of Ely court rolls, registers of wills, and other manuscripts relating to the county. Many other authors were mentioned including Henry Ellis who was a librarian and Cambridgeshire antiquarian who dwelt on records of monastic houses. The Rev W D Macray produced a series of records of nationally important documents from the 12th and 13th centuries. The Cambridge Antiquarian Society was founded in 1840 to provide access for local people to the local history, architecture and archaeology of Cambridgeshire. Since then the Society has written or edited numerous documents using legal records, churchwarden's records and court rolls including those of Ramsey and Bury. An offshoot, the Cambridgeshire Records Society, was formed in 1972 and publishes editions of original documents. In 2016 it published "Jonas Moore's Mapp of the Great Levell of the Fenns, 1658" which caused much interest when spread out on tables with the field boundaries drawn in, names of their owners at the time and showing the names of droves and byways, many of which are still recognised today.

December meeting. About 35 of the Society's 55 members turned out for the AGM and after the formal proceedings three local speakers gave short presentations.

- Eileen Webster (Over) recently discovered a pack of cards among her father's belongings and found they related to the destinations to where fruit from the Over district was sent a hundred and more years ago. By 1900 Over was surrounded by the blossom of apples, pears and plums and at harvest the fruit was sold through agents to northern markets including Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds. Eileen remembers picking plums and apples in 1930s summers. At 4 p.m. the fruit was brought into the weighing shed and placed in 14lbs sieves and one of the labels which she had found was fixed into each sieve showing which market it was going to. She sometimes travelled on the pony and trap which took the produce to Swavesey station and after loading it into wagons, empty sieves were collected from a railway shed to take back to Over.
- Eddie Letzer (Swavesey) told the story of a Dutchman, Johannes Letzer, (1786-1819) his great, great, great grandfather. The large and religious Lutheran family was fairly well off until after his father died. Things were so bad that Johannes turned to burglary, but he was caught and exiled from Zeeland for 15 years. This was in about 1810 at the time of the Napoleonic wars when there were many French soldiers wandering around Europe and Johannes was arrested by the British and taken to Calais which was in British hands at the time. While there he was recognised as a capable worker and was employed by John Hill (later Sir John), captain of a British ship and organiser of transport and supplies for the army. Johannes soon became Clerk to Sir John's operations in Calais. While there he married in 1817 then when war ended, he moved to London in 1818 with his wife and son but shortly after he died of pneumonia. Sir John was in charge when The Fighting Temeraire was tugged to her last berth to be broken up in 1838. At the last count in 2001 there were 35 Letzers in England, all descended from Johannes.
- Chris Crouch (Swavesey) presented a video of his father David Crouch, former History Society member, who died earlier in 2018. David, "The Paraffin Man", was born in Boxworth End, Swavesey, in 1930 in a house on a large agricultural premises which had been used by a threshing contractor. Fryer's Court now stands on the site. He presented his very clear memories of his life as a child from schooldays to being allowed to help the local blacksmith at the age of 9 to beat red-hot metal into horseshoes. Sports days on Whiton field were recalled and the taking of milk churns to the station for transport to Cambridge. He and a bunch of friends would often be found in the signal box at Swavesey station and when a train was due the boys were allowed to run down the steps and close the gates to road vehicles, so the train could hurtle through.

After the speakers a light buffet, including mulled apple juice, was kindly provided by the Committee Members.

A New Year and time to try something new - Why not come along and join us?

CAMBRIDGE HARD of HEARING CLUB

SPRING NEWS FROM THE CAMBRIDGE HARD OF HEARING CLUB

We have an interesting range of speakers coming to talk to us at the Club this Spring, and as we are a friendly group, we look forward to welcoming you to join us.

We meet on the last Thursday of each month in Room 2 at The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharine's Road, Cambridge CB4 3ES between 2-4 p.m.

Regardless of your hearing impairment you will be able to follow our presentations and discussion amongst members, as we are supported by our speech to text facility and by an induction loop in the meeting room. Do come along, try something new, reach out and make new friends. Don't become isolated at home. We may be able to help you reach the support you need to live more safely at home with your hearing loss and make the most of the hearing you still have. It has recently been proven that wearing a hearing aid can help prevent dementia and is as life-changing as cataract surgery can be, with renewed sensory input.

Here is our programme for 2019:

31st January – Three Cambridge Heroes by Helen Harwood

28th February – Rosalind Franklin – The Woman Who Discovered DNA by Carole Pook

28th March – Impington Hall – It's Owners and Estates by Eleanor Whitehead

For further information please contact: information.hohclub@gmail.com

Phone: Doug & Jenny on 01223 241559;

Write to: Hard of Hearing Club at 29 Stretten Avenue Cambridge CB4 3ES,

or come along and try us out on the last Thursday of each month (see above).

Things can only get better

Generally speaking, most Annual General Meetings are boring and poorly attended but this is never so with the Hale Road Allotments AGM. Thus, in a lively meeting in mid-November, the 28 plot holders out of 60 who attended enjoyed a packed programme in Bethel Baptist Church. A summary of the year's numerous activities and achievements was presented by the Chairman, noting in particular that the Village Show in the marquee on Gala Day was successfully organised by Hale Road Allotments with a total of 490 entries from residents. This was followed by a charming talk on things about bees by Glyn, then Colin, our Treasurer, presented a healthy financial report.

After the formal presentations, the most memorable democratic decision of the evening was that the old management team should be shaken up at last after six years. Thus, the new committee members have the freedom to start to do the job properly from now on. In particular, as a result of these changes, there are likely to be far fewer e-mails cluttering up our in-folders and it will be a relief not to get regular reminders imploring us to follow a rigid 5-year crop rotation to reduce the risk of soil-borne plant diseases and pests, or to get our land dug before Christmas to allow beneficial frosts to get into it. As for double-digging to improve soil structure and potential crop rooting depth, that is easier said than done on our moderately heavy soil. Perhaps the dreaded biannual weed inspections supported by the feared Rule 9.6 will happen less often. Hopefully there will also be far fewer 15-tonne lorry loads of soil improver (green bin compost) tipped in the car park from AmeyCespa at Waterbeach because, whereas it is comforting to dig a hole into the heap and stand in it to warm your feet on a winter's day, it has a nauseating, sickly, clinging smell reminiscent of a stairwell in a multi-storey car park.

On balance however, we have ended up with a pretty good site after six years. It is inconceivable that any other site in the UK has spread over 530 tonnes of cattle manure, horse poo and soil improver in such a short period, and all shifted by wheelbarrow. It seems that many of our plot holders are easily amused. In the prolonged dry weather of summer 2018 the eight closely-spaced water tanks with their snug-fitting metal lids have kept our crops growing. The sturdy rabbit and deer-proof fencing surrounding the site is taken for granted because it has always been there, but the site would probably not exist without it because of the large number of rabbits in Hale Road. As to the odour-free waterless toilet with its solar powered lighting inside, there is probably not another of such high quality within a hundred miles. Having got all the essential infrastructure in place, we can deal with some nice-to-have improvements, possibly starting with installing a barn owl nest box later in 2019.

If you are interested in being shown around the allotments and/or possibly discussing adding your name to the waiting list for a plot in 2019, see the brief information and contact details on page 47 within the Club Information section of this Meridian issue. Alternatively, for more information, including some pretty pictures, click on the Village Links tab of Swavesey Parish Council website or enter:-
http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/allotment-site/ directly into the address bar at the top of your browser screen.

A Glance at the Past in February and March From the Cambridge Chronicle

1778, 14 Feb. Shop. To be let and entered into on Lady Day next at Swacey, Cambs., a good accustomed Grocers & Drapers shop. Well situated for trade. Stock & Utensils to be taken at fair appraisement. All letters Post Paid will be answered.

1789, 14 Feb. Rectory Manor Swavesey. The Court of His Grace the Duke of Bedford will be held on Friday 27 Feb. at eleven in the forenoon of each day, when Copyholders are requested to attend, also tenants to pay their quit rents and customary dues.

1801, 28 Feb. Mrs Stocker lately died, former mistress of The White Horse Public House. About ten days before one of her sons aged 24.

1837, 18 Feb. Inquest by Mr Twiss, the Coroner on James Hayes a boy of 5 years who died after his clothes caught fire.

1851, 8 Feb. Fowl Stealing. On Friday night the 31st ult., the henroost at Hill Farm, in the occupation of Mr. Henry Wiles was plundered of about 50 fowls. The same henroost having been repeatedly robbed a few years ago, a new lock, a stronger door, and other means were used to keep out the thieves, and they had been baffled in two other attempts, but this time they got a ladder and a knife from a haystack nearby and cut a hole through the thick reed thatch. From a peculiarity in the footmarks of one of the thieves, it appears that the same gang also robbed Mr. Fisher Mitham of the Red Lion, of his fowls the same night.

1854, 11 Mar. Drainage meeting. Last Monday the Drainage Improvement Committee held a meeting at The White Horse to consider the next step to be taken to prevent a recurrence of the recent serious flooding. It was agreed that a petition of the sufferers be presented to the Bedford Level Corporation.

1857, 8 Mar. Singular Circumstance. Joseph Jellings, farm labourer of Swavesey, had a brother Nathaniel serving In the Army in the Crimea. About the evening of the Battle of Inkerman, Joseph was sitting by his cottage fire when he was seized with a great trembling and turning round saw Nathaniel standing upright, then saw his head apparently cut off and fall one way whilst the trunk fell the other. Some months later the family were notified that Nathaniel has died of fever, so no mention was made of the vision. Recently the mother was told by a woman whose son had been on furlough that her son and Jellings were advancing upon an enemy battery when a cannonball struck and severed the head of Jellings. (Note. Battle of Inkerman, 5th Nov. 1854)

1866, 10 Mar. Day of Humiliation (Cattle Plague). In accordance with the wish of the Bishop of Ely, Wednesday March 7th, was observed as a day of fasting and humiliation, and prayers to God that he would cause the murrain amongst our cattle to cease from out of the land.

1898, 25 Feb. Mutual Improvement Society. On Tuesday evening a lecture was given by Mr. N. Perry on his personal experiences 'Police Life in Hong Kong'.

1898, 4 Mar. Mr. Perry's Talk. This was continued at the Mutual Improvement Society meeting on Tuesday, Mr. H. S. Aldred presiding. Mr. Perry talked about Slavery, Opium Dens, Chinese Burglaries and Chinese Weddings.

What's on at Fen Drayton Lakes

Dragonfly Walk
Sunday 21 July, 2-4pm
Go on a guided walk around the reserve to learn all about dragonflies and damselflies.
Booking required. To reserve your place, please email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or phone: 01954 233260.
Non-member £6, RSPB member £4.50, children half price.

Willow Weaving Workshop
Sunday 8 September, 10am-4pm
Make a garden obelisk to grow climbing plants such as runner beans/sweet peas.
Booking required. To reserve your place, please email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or phone: 01954 233260.
Non-member £30, RSPB member £25, children half price.

Stargazing
Saturday 12 October, 8.30-9.30pm
Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.
Booking required. To reserve your place, please email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or phone: 01954 233260.
Non-member £10, RSPB member £8, children half price.

Willow Weaving Workshop
Sunday 8 December, 10am-4pm
Make Christmas decorations from willow harvested at Fen Drayton Lakes.
Booking required. To reserve your place, please email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk or phone: 01954 233260.
Non-member £30, RSPB member £25, children half price.

Find out more at **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 207076. in Scotland SC037654.

New Public Speaking Club

Afraid of public speaking? Want to improve your presentation skills for work or a special event? You are welcome to visit and join Swavesey Speakers, a new public speaking and leadership club affiliated with Toastmasters International. The aim of the club is to provide a supportive environment where members can get feedback and develop their presentation and communication skills (age 18+).

The club will meet for the first time on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7pm and we will run a demonstration evening, with plenty of opportunity to discuss with existing members of Toastmasters International about the organisation, this new club and how it can help you. Guests are very welcome to attend this and other events, fell free to get in touch so we know to expect you.

The club will then meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9pm in the meeting room at the Swavesey Memorial Hall. Please check actual dates on the club calendar on the website as there will be only one meeting in March, June, July and November.

Every meeting will include speeches, speech evaluations and an impromptu speaking session, with guests encouraged to participate if they'd like to. For more information or if you'd like to attend the demonstration evening/a subsequent club meeting, free to contact Faye at:- swaveseyspeakers@gmail.com or call 01954 277114 so we know to expect you.

You can also visit the club website at:- www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org.

MISCELLANY

Advertising increase in charges

Owing to major development in Swavesey with over 200 houses already having planning permission, we will have to increase the circulation of The Meridian.

Starting from 1 April there will be a small increase in our advertising rates to pay for the cost of printing the extra magazines.

THE MUGGERS!

Picture the scene, a viewpoint in the Brecon Beacons in Wales overlooking Treorchy, sun shine, clouds moving across the sky leaving cloud shadows on the landscape. Quiet peaceful no-one around.

We parked the camper van and had lunch, then my other half took the bag of rubbish (2 banana skins and an empty crisp packet) and headed for the rubbish bins on the other side of the parking area. He had not gone far when the first mugger approached

"Ok so what's in the bag- hand it over"- he kept a tight hold on the bag and continued walking to the bin.

The mugger got in front of him so he changed direction slightly only to be confronted by mugger number 2 also wanting to know what was in the bag and indicating he should hand it over! Other half walked faster then mugger number 3 appeared from behind the bin also heading in his direction and interested in the contents of the bag in his hand.

He reached the bin and deposited the bag thinking this would deter them but no they kept following him in case there was anything else. They would not be deterred and I could see I was going to have to be ready to prevent them trying to follow him into the camper van! Luckily another car appeared; someone got out holding a bag and the muggers switched their attention to them.

By this time I was helpless with laughter! Why? Our muggers were 3 Welsh SHEEP!

These opportunists loiter near to viewpoints and laybys in the hills and try their luck on visitors who stop to eat take photos or just admire the view – you're not supposed to feed them but someone has obviously not told the sheep this as they will try their luck and often get something -the crust off a sandwich- an apple core. They are bold and will not give way –fixing you with a cold stare to try to make you feel guilty.

So beware that viewpoint in the welsh hills it may look empty but who knows what could be lurking behind that boulder or round the corner!

Sudoku

Answers on page 20

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		9						
7			4				3	
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DON'T BE A PHISH IN A NET!

There are several phishing emails circulating which all need to be ignored. I must admit they're getting better at these, however here are a few little clues as to their bona fides!

Two that I have received claim to be from the DVLA and the INLAND REVENUE – both tell me I am due a refund and need to give them my bank details. They put a time limit on the claim to try to make you fall for it. Two things give them away: one their use of English is not accurate, and two the email address that the email comes from has no mention of either department nor in fact any government department.

The third one is a little nasty- threatening in tone - it claims payment for your TV licence by direct debit has been refused by the bank and you will be cut off immediately unless you fill in online form to tell your bank to start payments. It mentions debt collectors being sent in if you do not comply. One I received even has a fake BBC email address as the sender. Obviously designed to alarm you and the online form they send as an attachment is very similar to the genuine one!

These are getting past my security systems which is irritating.

So if you get one of these delete it, if anyone you know gets one and it worries them tell them to delete it.

Scammers will keep on trying so make sure you are not a phish for them to have with chips (microchips of course!)

VILLAGE NEWS

SMALL COFFEE SHOP WITH A BIG PERSONALITY!

THE NOOK

It's been a busy few first months at The Nook and Steph and I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to support us. The feedback has been fantastic and we've enjoyed getting to know our lovely customers.

If you're on Facebook, give us a like and follow, and keep an eye out for our competitions. If you're not, come down to the shop and we'll let you know what we're offering that day!

The Old Post Office design challenged us but out vision of how we could optimize the space has exceeded more than we could have imagined it is in here which is great as we had the design of the interior in our heads for well over a year before we opened. You'll be pleased to know we tried hard to keep and expose lots of features of the old building, including replacing the ceiling with traditional Lath & Plaster and copious amounts of horse hair!

Now a little of what we do. As well as the full range of Organic and Rainforest certified coffee and Organic tea, we've introduced our tasty range of Da Vinci Syrups and offered several cakes and tray-bakes what the locals of Swavesey, and beyond, like. However, our signature Facebook famous 'Naughty Hot Chocolate' has been the favourite hands down. If you've not tried it yet, come on over and choose yourself an appropriate cup. The unicorn mug is the most popular, closely followed by mermaid tail and batman mug!

Come in and see us. If you bring your dog it might even make it on to our doggy wall of fame!

Steph & Mike

LIBRARY NEWS:

We have a new computer for all to use thanks to a grant from Galon's Charity.

Note Lego morning 1st Saturday in February.

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. Come and join us. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with all our young visitors much fun and activities ensued. Thank you for coming

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

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Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first and third Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

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Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**		
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Sudoku

Answers for page 16

8	4	3	2	5	1	7	6	9
1	5	9	7	6	3	8	2	4
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Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

There are no 5th Thursdays in February or March

OVER DAY CENTRE

****** SAVE THE DATE ******

OVER DAY CENTRE

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE
and
THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 12.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks

Sunday 12th May 2019

from The Over Day Centre
1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

(For further information contact amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

Don't swallow up your NHS use it wisely this winter

Winter illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs can easily be treated at home with medicines available at low cost from your local pharmacy - no GP appointment or prescription required.

Antibiotics are essential to treat serious bacterial infections, but they are frequently being used to treat illnesses such as coughs, earache and sore throats that can get better by themselves. Taking antibiotics encourages harmful bacteria that live inside you to become resistant. That means that antibiotics may not work when you really need them.

Winter self-care essentials include:

- pain relief (paracetamol)
- cough and sore throat remedies
- first aid kit
- upset stomach treatment
- rehydration treatment
- heartburn and indigestion treatment

Having these winter essentials at hand will not only save you time and help you to feel better quicker, but help save the NHS much needed resources.

Extracted from the Swavesey Surgery Newsletter

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

OWLS Community Car Scheme

Demand continues to grow for the services of the OWLS (Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Swavesey) Community Car Scheme. From October – December 2018 requests for journeys rose to over 100 journeys a month and the total number of journeys undertaken in 2018 exceeded 1100. With this year on year increase comes the need for more drivers. Can you help to maintain and grow this valuable Community service?

Drivers receive 30p a mile (£3 min charge) from customers and 15p a mile from Cambridgeshire County Council and it is helpful if they can offer a minimum of one journey a week. Please ring the scheme's mobile for more details.

OWLS offers a door-to-door return service to those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys such as attending lunch clubs or exercise classes. Many of the journeys undertaken are for people to access facilities in their own or a nearby village.

For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday. If you reach the answerphone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and the coordinator will ring you back.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets
Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
BALLET AT OVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAYS
AGE 3+ -17
CLASSICAL BALLET WITH FULLY TRAINED,
QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHER
ASSOC. MEMBER ARBTA ;MEMBER BDQT
DBS CHECKED "PREVENT" TRAINED
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire's aim is for every child to have the best possible start in life.

Home-Start
Support and friendship for families
Home-Start Cambridgeshire

The charity supports families across the county who are going through difficult times. We are in an exciting period of change and are keen to appoint 2 Trustees who are passionate about supporting families with young children, keen to make a difference, creative and who enjoy being part of a team.

Both will be enthusiastic promoters of the charity and will be able to give time and energy to their role. Ideally one of them would have significant experience in HR.

Contact the office on 01480 700242 or
email office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk
www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

Join our Spring Classes & Workshops

Adult Education

Swavesey Village College

FREE Wellbeing Drumming & Tribal Dance Tuesday 15th January
19.00-21.00 4 weeks

FREE Effective CV Writing Workshop Saturday 9th March 10.00-13.00

FREE Help! How do I support my child's ADHD? 20th February 16.30-18.30

FREE Help! I don't know how to support my child with stress during their exams!
6th March 16.30-18.30

Painting Spring Flowers in Watercolour Workshop
Saturday 9th March
10.00-16.00 £39/£29

Dichroic Glass Jewellery Making
Saturday 9th March
10.00-16.00 £39/£29
..... many more classes available.

Visit www.swaveseyvc.co.uk for more details or call 01954 234488

Chicken with broccoli stems and crispy shallots (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

6oz/180g cooked, boneless chicken, without skin, finely shredded

5 shallots, thinly sliced lengthways

1 tsp finely chopped small, fresh red or green chillies

1 Tbsp Grilled Chilli Oil/Nam Prik Pow

2 Tbsp fish sauce

2 Tbsp chicken stock or water

2 Tbsp ground, roasted peanuts

8 oz/240g broccoli stems, roughly chopped (the florets can be used for another dish)

3 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 tsps vegetable oil

2 Tbsp coconut cream

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 Tbsp sugar

Method

In a wok or frying pan, heat the oil and fry the shallots until golden brown and crispy. Then use a slotted spoon or sieve to remove them from the oil and set aside.

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil and blanch the broccoli stems for 5 seconds. Drain and set aside.

Re-heat the oil in the wok or frying pan and fry the garlic until golden brown.

Add the chillies and stir. Mix in the Nam Prick Pow and then the coconut cream.

Add the chicken and stir, then add the broccoli stems and stir.

Stirring constantly, add the fish sauce, lemon juice. chicken stock or water, sugar and ground roasted peanuts.

Finally, stir in the crispy shallots and serve.

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Happy New Year to everybody, let's hope the chaos caused by the A14 upgrade decreases over the year. Looking back, 2018 was a difficult year in many ways for me, the village, the county and the country.

I was disappointed by the May elections to lose my friends at South Cambs District Council as well as my portfolio for Health and Well-being. But I continue as your representative on the Council and gradually I am finding my role in opposition and working for the good of Swavesey. As before I will be working on the Byeways, drainage issues and planning concerns, especially the new developments opposite Ramper Road, and Fen Drayton Road. In addition, I plan to do more local work on loneliness. I am sure there are many of our neighbours who would benefit from more community activities, exercise and interactions. In order to get grant funding to support this work I will be knocking on doors to assess the number of residents who would be interested in such activities.

The village has suffered with the disruption in relation to the A14 upgrade. We have fought the lorries travelling through when the road is closed, the traffic light fiasco, and the problem of finding your way home when the road is shut. We can only hope this will improve in 2019 when the junction is completed but in addition, I feel we deserve to have all our roads resurfaced when this is complete.

The County continues to have financial problems due to the cost of social Care and the country waits to see what Brexit will bring.

The new administration at South Cambs are busy looking at new large developments at Waterbeach New Town which will have a 9 storey hotel at the centre and the Northern Fringe which covers the Milton area to the Milton Park and Ride and the Science Park. Both these developments will have reduced parking in a bid to encourage residents to walk or bike. The Climate Change Committee is seeking to make South Cambs carbon neutral by 2040 and these developments will be key to this aim.

The Brexit Committee is seeking to find ways of helping business to cope with the outcome but I have concerns that there will be many effects of Brexit which will affect the core business of the Council but at this stage it is difficult to predict where and what.

South Cambs have produced a new Housing Strategy which is out to consultation from the end of December. This document seeks to increase social and affordable housing but I have concerns that the cost of infrastructure and building costs will reduce the number of actual homes built.

The planning department at South Cambs is under significant pressure. Not only are there several large new developments which require many hours of work but planners are reluctant to work in the area because of the cost of housing and travel. However, many parish councils have expressed a growing dissatisfaction with the way plans are decided - many by officers rather than the planning committee, even though the parish council has expressed concerns and asked for it to be considered by the committee.

As always contact me if I can help. 01954 202923, or 07774 146331 or email:- cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk.
Sue Ellington - District Councilor for Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Lolworth

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News November December 2018

COUNTY COUNCIL
The PC has submitted a Local Highways Improvement Bid to extend the 30mph zone and include a 40mph extension to Rose and Crown Road. We await a decision.

The PC will be raising concerns about the increased number and size of Mick George Lorries moving through the village both with the County Council and other authorities with responsibilities for safety and the environment.

The PC continues to raise concerns about the state of our highways and in particular the footpath through Boxworth End.

Rose and Crown road will be closed for repairs for 1 or 2 days from 4th February. The footpath outside the primary school will be widened during the February half term week.

The County Council may no longer be able to fund the bikeability training in schools, as the grant they receive is likely to reduce. The PC cannot fund such a scheme but will consider limited help to the primary school if the scheme continues.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The dog waste bins are to be replaced with multipurpose litter and dog waste bins in the New Year.

The PC is concerned that objections to planning applications and requests for sensitive applications that the PC would like to go before committee where we can attend and give voice to our concerns, are largely being decided by officers and the Chair of the Planning Committee without representation.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The PC continues to monitor the impact of traffic on the village and concerns about the junction and road closures.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The PC is aware of the increase of break-ins in the village and has met with the new Police Sergeant to raise concerns. Parking enforcement has a low priority but the police will continue to monitor problems areas as they pass through the village. The PC is looking into a possible Parking Warden Scheme with other

COUNCIL NEWS

PCs and the District Council. A volunteer to be our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator would be most welcome.

VILLAGE MATTERS
Two events have been agreed with the Festival Committee for 2019: Enchanted Cinema Event in Early June and a Farmers' Market on Saturday 15th. June

The PC is taking forward plans to reinstate the Market Street green area by removing the tarmac in front of no. 37.

A tree survey has been completed and maintenance and replanting have been agreed for areas on Market St Green and the Recreation Green.

DRAINAGE
The PC continues to press for progress on drainage issues with the Environment Agency.

The Church Bridge Doors are planned for repair once their listed status is resolved.

The Mare Fen drainage works are due to be carried out in the coming summer.

NEW SPORTS FIELD PROJECT
The PC agreed to make a grant towards a feasibility study for a new 3G artificial sports surface on the college site but linked in with our new Sports Field Project.

PLANNING
A number of planning applications have been considered and approvals and other decisions noted.

The PC continues to raise concerns about drainage and other issues on the larger developments.

(Please see the full details on the PC website and minutes of meetings)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Village Design Statement is being submitted to the District Council. Stakeholder groups are being consulted on progress.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Clerk Linda Miller	202982	clerk@swavesey.org.uk
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County Councillor Mandy Smith Papworth & Swavesey Ward	230248	mandysmith1235@btconnect.com
Memorial Hall Administrator Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 10th April 2019 – 7.30pm

Swavesey Memorial Hall

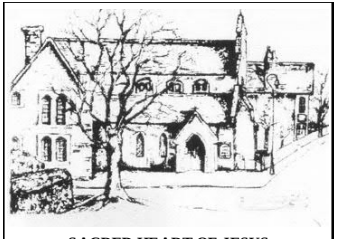
Your opportunity to hear reports from and ask questions of the Parish Council, its committees, village charities and other village organisations, both for the past year and the forthcoming year.

County and District Councillors and representatives from our Neighbourhood Police and NHW Scheme will also be present to take any questions.

Further information will be published on posters around the village nearer the date.

Please do come along to the meeting to learn more about your village.

We look forward to seeing you on 10th April.
Swavesey Parish Council



SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

(including activities for children of all ages)

All are Welcome

10:45 am weekly

First Sunday in the Month

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table" at 10:45am.
Why not come and try it?

Second Sunday in the Month

Our Morning service at 10:45am is followed by a themed "Prayer Gathering" at 1:00pm. Soup and Rolls is served!

Third Sunday in the Month

Join us for our Communion service at 10:45am, and Sunday Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Visit our website for up to date information on our monthly prayer gathering, and other regular or special events.
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

What's On At Bethel

the Hub @ Bethel

THE HUB

An Open Access Youth Club for year 6 to year 10 youngsters.
Open during term times only.
You can find out more about The Hub by contacting Bethel on 01954 230458 or 07886 917 374 or email us at admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

the Compass

COMPASS CAFÉ

Every Thursday 10:30 – 12:00pm @ Bethel
A community café run by different organisations

Contact information: Tel: 01954 230458

For pastoral issues, and enquiries on youth activities: contact: Revd. David Mann or email: minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

For all other enquiries, email: admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month	08:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service with Baptisms
5th Sunday of the month	10:30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge (Interim).
Revd Jenny Hill
Telephone: 07970 949331
Email: revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Team Administrator.
Gillian Beal.
Telephone: 01954 203459
(Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events, please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell.
Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington
Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services, please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street
Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

At present, we do not have a Sunday School for younger children but we have a range of "Busy Bags" hanging at the back of the church which contain books and activities for children under 11. Young people over 11 are very welcome at Branches, our youth group, which meets during the 11 a.m. service on the first, second and third Sundays of the month to study the Bible and discuss a range of subjects. There is an All Age Service on the fourth Sunday when the children join the main congregation.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings weekly before the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know about the events please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

St Andrew's Church News
Church News

The church had a fantastic Christmas present this last year when we were notified that we had been accepted for a grant to pay for the replacement of the stolen roof lead, repair some of the high-level masonry that will be accessible whilst the scaffolding is in place and replace the rainwater gutters and downpipes that were damaged when the thefts took place. We are very grateful to the National Lottery Fund and of course all the people that play the lottery. The works are due to start at the end of January and continue until May.

I would like to thank you for supporting our Gift Day. Each year on the Saturday closest to St Andrew's Day, 30 November, we ask for your donations to help run the church, as ever last year you were very generous and we are very grateful for your support. The support that you give enables us to keep the church open not just for our weekly services but also for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We are also able to offer the village a space for community events. If you need a space for an event then we would love to talk to you.

Of course, Advent and Christmas is a very busy time for the church and last year was no different. On one weekend we hosted the whole of the Primary School and parents for their Carol Service. It was fantastic to see the church full with standing room only listening to the children singing their carols so brilliantly. Then in the evening we hosted a concert of medieval music performed by Hexachordia. The following evening the Swavesey Community Choir performed carols for the village. It was a great weekend of diverse types of music. This year we hope to be able to again put on a variety of events for your enjoyment. Please check the notice boards around the village for details.

Events

Advent Fayre, November 24th 2018
Thank you to everyone who came to our Advent Craft Fayre or who took part in our Advent Carol display. Once again, the church looked lovely and the imaginative displays were admired by all our visitors over Christmas. The results of the public vote were as follows:

Adult Entries
First: Meridian Quilters
Second: Swavesey Over Fifties Group
Third: Hale Road Allotments

Children's Entries:
First: 1st Swavesey Beavers
Second: 1st Swavesey Cubs
Third: 1st Swavesey Rainbows

"Tea á la Ritz" March 31st
Following its success last year, we are once more presenting "Tea á la Ritz" at the Memorial Hall at 4pm on March 31st which is Mothering Sunday. Come and celebrate this special day with cucumber sandwiches, scones, cakes and a little gentle dancing! Tickets will be available nearer the date so look out for the posters and information online.

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Colin Baker on 0797 6636771 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Russell Fear on 01954 202846.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	Located at Swavesey Village College. Swavesey Fenland Squash Club offers team, league and friendly squash matches and has clubnights, tournaments as well as racketball. For details contact: Brian Chapman 07982 658614 Jamie Tuffee 07807 968768 Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340 Details of the club including contact details can be found at: www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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